

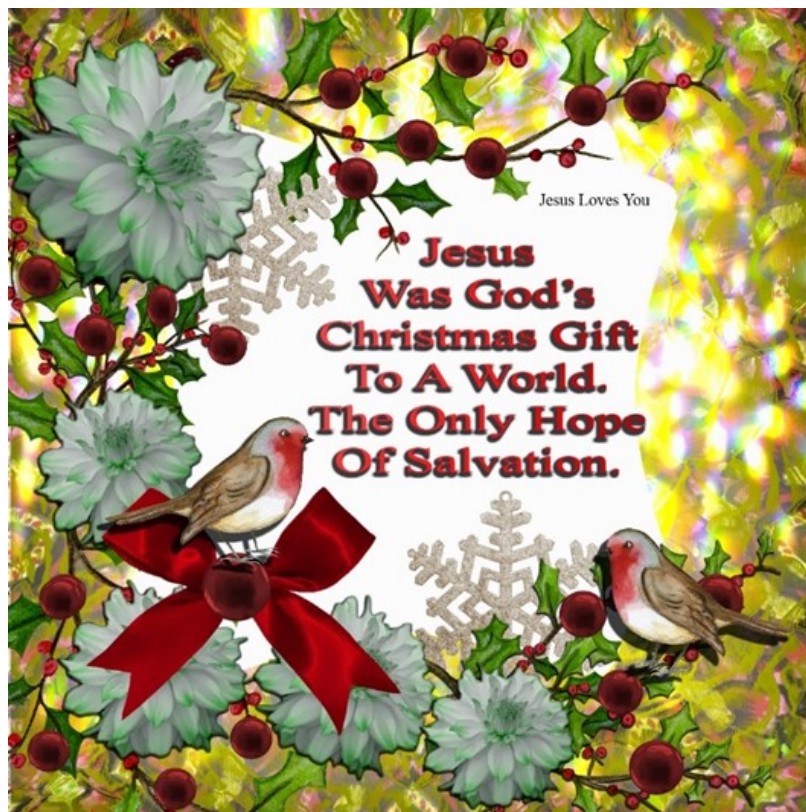


# ***THE CROSSWORD***

**Manahawkin United Methodist Church November/December 2019**  
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*Open Doors*

## **2019 - SHALOM**



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### Pastor's Corner

Jeremiah 33:3 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

‘Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’

I would like to share with you about the power of prayer that I read from a biography of Kayy Gordon, the missionary to Eskimos. I hope it will touch your hearts as it did mine.

“Eva Apsimik (*an Eskimo woman*) was very ill. She had begun to hemorrhage from a miscarriage. The hemorrhage would not stop. As the hours went by the little group of Eskimo herders could do nothing. With travel impossible at freeze-up time, the camp was totally inaccessible.

But when all earthly contact ceases, the vital line of communication is still open heavenward. That evening the little band of believers crowded into Apsimik’s tent and huddled around the wooden bunk where Eva was lying on the reindeer skins. The women felt her feet, then quickly drew back their hands in alarm. Her feet were cold. Her hands were cold. Eva’s lips were turning blue. Only God could intervene and permit her to live.

The Christians gathered around, and quoted their favorite Scripture, “If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it” (John 14:14). They began to earnestly pray. With a faith that refused to be defeated, this little band of true believers besought God to touch Eva with His wonderful healing virtue. Then they began to thank Him for what He was going to do.

The heart of God was moved by this prayer of importunity and the bleeding stopped. Eva opened her eyes. Soon her hands began to get warm, her feet warmed, and the blueness around her lips began to leave. God had touched her. She would live. How they rejoiced at the miracle-working power of their great God! Next day Eva was up and around again” (pp. 104-105, *God’s Fire on Ice*, Kayy Gordon with Lois Neely)

There we go, folks. As we prepare ourselves for a busy season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, let us not forget to offer our prayer of earnest prayers with thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father who answers our prayers. He loves to stay in touch with us. He loves to be called out to for our needs. He loves to answer our fervent prayers. He loves to be with us to the end of ages. Call unto Him with a prayer that moves His heart.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving and restful Christmas.

Kyewoon



### YOUTH GROUP

On October 20th the Youth Group had their annual Apple Bake Sale and were able to raise over \$500 for the Stafford Twp Police Department Toy Drive. We will be setting a date in November to go over to Target and pick out Jackets, hats, gloves and toys.

November 2nd will be our annual Spaghetti Dinner, \$2 per person \$5 for Families. Take out is available if you are not able to stay. The money raised will go towards the Youth Group. It is always a great time and good food.

The Youth Group will be joining Pastor Choi on December 14th for our annual Christmas Caroling for our church shut-ins. If you are interested in joining us please reach out to us or Pastor Choi.

God Bless, Randy and Vanessa Estelow



### MUSIC NOTES BY VEL

The choir is busy preparing for the presentation of our Christmas cantata “The Thrill of Hope” by Joseph Martin.

This cantata combines several traditional carols with some of today’s contemporary Christmas selections using the well-known “Lessons and Carols” format. You are welcome to come and sing with us – we would be delighted to have additional singers.

We begin rehearsing the cantata at 7:30 Wednesday evenings. Our presentation of the cantata will be at 4:00 PM, Sunday afternoon, December 15<sup>th</sup>, we will again have drums, guitars and violin in addition to the piano accompaniment. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us that day. The Men’s Group will be providing a dinner following the cantata.



**Junior Bells:** The Junior Bells have resumed practice and will be providing the special music for worship on Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup>. They will also play for the 7:00 PM Family Worship on Christmas Eve.

### LOOKING AHEAD!

The Men’s Group has agreed to provide a Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. We are planning to have an “**Amateur Hour**” entertainment for that event. Anyone willing to do a presentation is invited. Please contact Vel. If you have a child who plays a musical instrument, dances, recites a poem or draws who is willing to participate, please invite them to participate. Adults are also welcome. This hopes to be a church-wide program. I am giving you this advance notice so that there is plenty of time to prepare.





**KNITTING GROUP:** Our knitters hold our weekly get together on Wednesdays, at 3:00 PM in the Lounge. If you knit or crochet, or would like to learn, please come and join us. We make sweaters, baby bonnets and blankets for needy children all over the world.



**QUILTERS** -Are you looking for a fun service project with others? The Quilters are looking for more help on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 2:30 or any combination of time between. If you can make a needle and thread go up and down to make a small running stitch, then you can quilt.

We get our quilts from people in the area who hear that we "hand quilt." They are charged by the size and the amount of patterning done on the quilt. Our money goes to help fund church projects or charities that we all agree are valuable.

Please bring a needle, scissors, and thimble if you use one. Also we eat a bag lunch at noon so bring a mug for hot tea if you desire. Several people come to eat lunch with us and if that is all you can do, please feel free to come.

Hope to see you soon! The Quilters



**Shoprite Card Sales: Thank you for shopping & supporting MUMC!!**

As you probably already know, buying and using ShopRite cards earns the Church 5% on all of your purchases. This is an easy way to support MUMC while doing your normal shopping. Please see Lynn Demenchuk or Alison O'Brien after services to order or purchase your cards—cash or checks gladly accepted for any order large or small. We've already earned over \$1100 this year and we look forward to ordering extra cards for your Thanksgiving shopping needs

### The Blessed One

To the town of Bethlehem,  
Joseph and Mary traveling.  
Looking for a resting place,  
The Son of God that starry night.  
Angels on high proclaimed His birth,  
Jesus, the Savior of all.

To the shepherds angels came.  
Bringing the news of Jesus' birth.  
Wise Men came from lands afar,  
Following light from that star.  
All came to praise Him, the Son of God,  
Jesus the Christ child, blessed one.  
Let's proclaim our love for him,  
Jesus, the blessed Son of God.  
There was no room in the inn.  
There in the cattle stall He was born,

Ruth Excel 2019

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:



Starting Sunday,  
November 3rd,  
Christmas boxes will  
be available to pick



up from the back of the sanctuary. Each box contains instructions on how to pack your box. Starting last year, Operation Christmas Child has requested NO toothpaste or candy packed in the boxes due to customs restrictions. Also, remember to place the boy or girl label on the box and include \$9.00 for distribution fees. All packed boxes need to be returned by Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Please leave filled boxes on the table provided in the narthex. What a wonderful way to fulfill the Great Commission of spreading the Good News of the Gospel to all Nation



### Men/Boys Covered Dish Dinner



An enjoyable evening was had by all who attended the Men/Boys Covered Dish Dinner on Monday July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 in Fellowship Hall. The evening had delicious food and hosted a special guest.

**Clark Harris** (AKA in his professional role as) #46 for the Cincinnati Bengals as the Bengal's Long Snapper. Clark was born and raised right here in Manahawkin, a graduate from Southern Regional High School and Rutgers University. He is also the proud grandson of church member Virginia Maiorano

His professional career began in 2007, when drafted by the Green Bay Packers. He has also been on the rosters of the Detroit Lions, Houston Texans and now in his 11<sup>th</sup> season for the Cincinnati Bengals. He shared with the group some of his highlights and career goals thus far, which include playing in the 2018 Pro Bowl and being selected as one of the A.F.C.'s team captains. He also sets new Guinness World Record for longest recorded snap @ 36 yards, 8 inches. **Congrats Clark**

We appreciate Clark and his son, Trent spending the evening with us.

We wish Clark a healthy and successful season. Best wishes to him and his family. **GO Bengals!**

Submitted by: Eva Mueller



### MUMW Events and Activities

#### November/December 2019

Saturday, November 9, Annual Church Bazaar and Luncheon

Time: 9:00AM – 2:00PM

Luncheon: 11:00AM – 1:30PM Cost \$5.00

Vegetable Beef or Vegetarian Soup with  
French bread, beverage, and dessert

Sales Tables:

Jewelry

Baked Goods

Toys

New Gifts and Christmas Items

Attic Treasurers

Place: Manahawkin UMC, Fellowship Hall

Proceeds will benefit MUMW missions.

Tuesday, November 12, MUMW Regular Meeting, 1:00PM

Place Fellowship Hall, Manahawkin UMC

Program: Pledge Service/ World Thanks Offering

Leader: Lovisa Hill

Tuesday, December 10, MUMW Christmas Luncheon

Place: Eagleswood Inn (Formerly Calloways), Route 9, Staffordville, NJ

Time: 12:00 noon Cost: \$22.00

Reservations: Contact Alice Rosalen by 11/12/19

Remit to: Manahawkin United Methodist Women c/o Lovisa Hill, Treasurer

***All women of the church are invited.***

Eileen Mahan, Chairman



Photo taken Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup> after Church Council Meeting, Rev. Dr. Gina Hendrickson, District Superintendent, Northern Shore, The United Methodist Church of Greater New Jersey was the Guest Preacher

**REMEMBER**

(Thoughts to Live By)

Kenneth Schorr

Back in 1998 my dad laid in a bed in a nursing home with acute Parkinsons' disease. He could not feed himself, not drink water without help, nor was he able to speak. When we went to visit and tried to talk to him all he was able to do was stare back through teary eyes, trying to do his best to speak. Yet, in spite of all his problems, when my aunt and her friend (both strong believers and lovers of Jesus) went to visit my dad, they would sing Christian hymns to him and somehow my dad was able to remember the words and attempted to sing along with them!

In Luke 22:14-20, we read about the Last Supper where Jesus tells His followers that what is being done, should be done in remembrance of Him. That the body and blood being poured out was symbolic of the new covenant that was being established. That same covenant was already being planned, if you will, at the time of Jesus's birth. Confirmation of that can also be found in John 3:16-17!

Do you remember all the things, the blessings the Lord has done for you (Psalm 103:1-5)? Do you remember who Jesus was and why He came? In our society today it's easy to see how many have forgotten including many who would call themselves Christian! Secularism including politics is pushing being a Christian out of our society and sadly in all too many churches as well. It has become doing what is politically correct instead of following God's laws. It is like the battle between morals (what we do) verses ethics (what we should do). We are allowing ourselves to be led down dark paths we should not go. Remember the good old days? They are all but gone and by not speaking out individually, as a nation, and as a church, by not addressing the hurts and needs of community with both mercy and grace, by not holding our leaders accountable and responsible, this will continue until all that is good and right will be gone; and we as Christians are to blame for allowing it to happen! And make no mistake, God will hold all accountable! The time has come to take a stand, to get out of our boats and comfort zones; to speak out!

As we finish out this year I leave you with this prayer; "May the Grace and Peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you today and all of your tomorrows." Amen. Perhaps you might want to share this, and Scripture such as John 3:16-17; Eph. 2:4-5, with others not only during these up-coming holidays but also in the New Year? Show them, no matter who they are or what they may have done that God loves and will forgive them (Heb. 10:16-17) and what it really means to be a Christian! Do you remember?

**POET'S CORNER****STEP OUT!**

Take the measure of the morning.

Cherry red feathers release their

Grip on maple branches that

Scrape against early fog.

Tendrils uncurl—

Plummet to pool in a gathering of

Beet red—delicacy distorted.

Take the measure of the pines.

Inhale their pungent shadows before they

Burn dry, de-scented.

Stretch wide the tape:

Take the measure of the day.

Embrace the morning. Gather it as firewood.

Grasp a maple to scrape away the fog.

Norma Paul



GARDEN MISSION

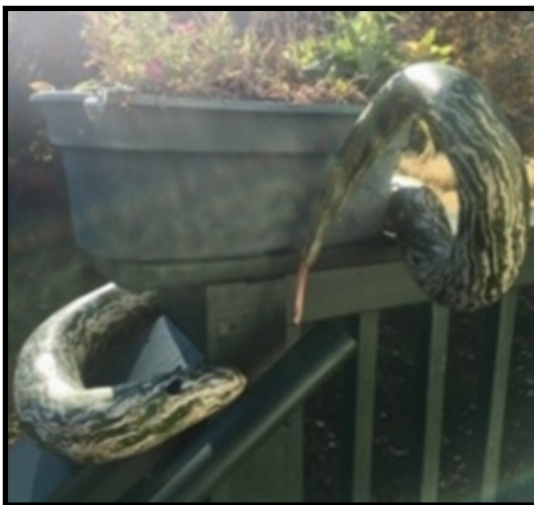
Janet and Art are pulling the last of the green beans and the squash .



The stakes for the tomatoes and green beans are saved from year to year.



Mulch on top of plastic, was put around our blueberries, with dreams of a good crop in the summer of 2020



This is a snake gourd that grew in Ct. Hope you all had a happy Halloween.



These pumpkins, squash, and gourds are sold at my brothers farm stand in Ct, and what we aspire our produce to look like.

It is time to put the garden to rest for the winter. There are still small heads of broccoli but everything else likes warm weather and died out.

The Estelow's and the Hills

*Prayer Group*

*Psalms 145, Vs 9*

*The Lord is Good to All:*

*And HIS Tender Mercies are over all HIS Works*



The Sunday School recently participated in Laity Sunday, held on Sunday, October 13. They served as greeters, ushers, acolyte and scripture readers. We are always so impressed with how they volunteer to serve and carry out their duties so wonderfully!

Last Sunday we also held our annual Trunk or Treat which was a lot of fun! The weather didn't cooperate that day but we still had a good time collecting candy and choosing a pumpkin from the "patch" which was set-up indoors! We thank all the families and children and congregation members who participated and joined in the fun! (A few pictures below.)



#### Upcoming Events:

- Nov 10: Veteran's Day Flag Ceremony
- Dec 22: Christmas Pageant 2:00PM in the sanctuary followed by a holiday dessert social in Fellowship Hall



Save the BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION coupons on the products you buy, and drop the Box Tops in the basket in the Narthex. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents and schools can use the money for anything they need – computers, books, playground equipment.

And here is an exciting update. You don't need to clip Box Tops anymore – just download the Box Tops app to your phone. When you scan your receipt, its trailblazing technology will find the participating items you've purchased and INSTANTLY add those BOX TOPS to your school's ledger online. The paper Box Tops will eventually be phased out.

P.S. Each Box Top is still worth 10 cents, which may not sound like much, but the program has raised over \$900 million since 1996!.



**In Memory of Emily Eismann**

**In Fellowship Hall**

**Tuesday, January 7, 2020**

**1:00pm to 6:00pm**

**See Marian Assur at church for an appointment**

**or**

**call her at**

**609-204-2370**

**or**

**Call the American Red Cross at**

**1-800-GIVELIFE**

**(1-800-448-8543)**

**or**

**make your own appointment on the web site**

**RedCrossBlood.org**

**Who can Donate Blood** – It is important that you feel good when you donate blood. Healthy people who are at

least 17 years old and weigh 110 pounds or more are usually eligible to donate blood. Federal regulations require

that donors wait 56 days between regular whole blood donations.

**Please remember to bring proper identification to the blood drive.**

**Consider being a Power Red Donor** (formerly Double Red Cell Donor) if you are type O or B.

To be eligible you must be:

Male – at least 130 pounds and 5'1" tall

Female – at least 150 pounds and 5'5" tall

Anyone interested in being a **Power Red Donor** Call or See Marian Assur for an appointment

Also on the day of the drive there will be the need for support help. Registration, canteen, set up and clean up.

**If you have a little computer knowledge** and want to help schedule appointments

Please call or see Marian Assur

**Remember: The need is constant.**

**The gratification is instant.**

**GIVE BLOOD**



### A Gift of Time

Now is the time to stop and watch the sun's rays  
as they sparkle through the windows of our lives,

Now is the time to listen to each other.

Now is the time to talk about our deepest desires,  
to hold hands with each others dreams...  
to share the joy and sadness held within our lives.

Now is the time to put aside the chatter of small things...  
and to know that time is all we have.

Now is the time to celebrate the small joys of this day...  
to notice the light and the shadows.

It may be time to dance...  
it may be time to grieve...  
it may be time to remember...  
it may be time to regret.

It may be time to forgive It may to forget

Yesterday is always with us yet yesterday is always gone.

Tomorrow rides on the horizon like a bird on the wing.  
Tomorrow is a flower opening,  
butterfly emerging from its cocoon.

Today is fullness like a fruit when it is ripe  
like a benevolent rose fully opened to the sun,  
to the rain,  
giving of itself entirely.

Today can nourish us and inspire us like no other time.

Treasure the moments. of the new dawn,  
of the dew on the lawn,  
of the sun's journey through the sky.

And after the crimson light has fallen.. \_  
when only the lavender hue of first night remains,  
as the stars begin their ritual twinkle...  
let our hearts touch and be full of thanks.  
this gift of time is all we have

Submitted by Kenneth Schorr

**November Calendar**

Worship Hours: Two Services 8:30 and 11 A.M.  
Daylight Saving Time Ends: Sunday, November 3  
Communion: Sunday, November 3, both services  
Youth Spaghetti Dinner: Saturday, November 2, 4 P.M - 7P.M.  
UMW Meeting: Tuesday, November 5, 1 P.M.  
Men's Breakfast: Saturday, November 9, 8:15 A.M.  
Church Bazar (Sponsored by UMW): Saturday, November 9, 9-2 p.m.  
Veteran's Day Flag Ceremony: Sunday, November 10, at both services  
New Members Received: Sunday, November 10, at both services  
Shoprite Gift Cards: Sunday, November 10  
Preschool Committee: Tuesday, November 12, 7 P.M.  
Staff Meeting: Thursday, November 14, 11 A.M.  
Church Council: Monday, November 18, 7 P.M.  
Trustees Meeting: Tuesday, November 19, 7 P.M.  
Loads of Love: Thursday, November 21, 6 – 8 P.M.  
Thanksgiving Eve Service: Wednesday, November 27, 7 P.M.  
Decorating Sanctuary for Advent: Saturday, November 30  
Jr. Bell Choir Practice: every Monday, 5:30 P.M.  
Youth Group: every other Monday, 6:30 P.M.  
Quilters: every Wednesday, 9:30 A.M.  
Choir Practice: every Wednesday, 7 P.M.  
Bell Choir Practice: every Thursday, 7 P.M.  
Pastor's Office Hours: Monday and Thursday 9:30-11:30 A.M.  
Secretary Hours: Monday, 9 A.M. to 12 Noon. Wednesday, 1 to 4 P.M., Thursday 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

**HELP**

***Volunteers needed to cut the Church  
Lawn***

***Contact Rich Mueller 609-384-0936  
or Edna Winans 609-304-3403***

**December Calendar**

Christmas Cantata Sunday December 15th, 4PM in Sanctuary followed by dinner prepared by Mens Group

Sunday School Christmas Pageant, Sunday December 22nd 2PM in Sanctuary followed by Holiday Social

Christmas Eve Services: Monday, December 24, 7 and 11 P.M.

One Service on 12/29 at 10 A.M. (Guest: Dan Webster with Carols)

Trustees Meeting: TBA

Preschool Pageant: TBA

Loads of Love: Thursday, December 19, 6 – 8 P.M.

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**Help Wanted**

**Greeters,  
Ushers**



**Candle  
Lighters**



**Readers**

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